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General Meeting, Feb. 3 Western Foundation Linnea Hall

Protected Bird Species on the Santa Clara River How are they faring? What is their prognosis?



Western Yellow-billed Cuckoo *Wikipedia*

Linnea Hall, Director of the Western Foundation of Vertebrate Zoology, will discuss the WFWZ's decade of research on the birds of Ventura County's Santa Clara River. She will highlight monitoring and experiments with Least Bell's Vireos and Yellow-billed Cuckoos. She will discuss the future prospects for these and other bird species using the river. She will also discuss the intensive habitat restoration efforts by agency,

non-profit and university partners in the watershed, with an eye toward how members of the public might get more involved with actions on the river.

Dr Hall has led the WFWZ and its research efforts for the past 17 years, and has been studying birds for 30 years. She grew up in Ventura County and has watched it change a lot over the past 5 decades. She is passionate about sustaining the ecological integrity of the county. She has a B.S. in Biology from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, an M.S. in Wildland Resource Sciences from U.C. Berkeley and a Ph.D. in Wildlife Ecology from University of Arizona at Tucson. Since 1989 Linnea has conducted more than 150 studies of birds in the western US and Guatemala and published on the findings, as well as edited scientific articles and books for many outlets. She has taught professionally at multiple institutions since 1995, including as a faculty member at California State University Sacramento, an adjunct at UC Santa Barbara's Cheadle Center, and the Executive Director of the WFWZ. Her favorite subject areas are avian ecology, identification, and monitoring, and the relevance of the study of natural history to solving modern day environmental dilemmas. Her primary focus is always on connecting people to nature by introducing them to the beauty and importance of the creatures that are all around us

February

Feb. 1	7:45 am	Lake Casitas
Feb. 3	5:15 pm	Pre-meeting dinner: Ottavios
Feb. 3	7:30 pm	General Meeting WFWZ
Feb. 9	8:30 am	Ventura Settling Ponds
Feb. 12	8:00 am	Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa
Feb. 16	8:00 am	Malibu Lagoon
Feb. 21	7:45 am	Lake Bard
Feb. 29	3:00 pm	Wildwood/Briar Bluffs/CLU

Pre meeting Dinner

Ottavio's in Camarillo at 5:15 pm

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Reservation Deadline: 9:00 am

Day of General Meeting

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SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2020

at

PALM GARDEN HOTEL

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Conservation
Fight Climate Change (Part 1)
by Dee Lyon

Make your voice heard; use less fossil fuels; switch to LED bulbs; take the bus; make Mondays meatless; get educated; compost leftover food; eliminate plastic; upcycle; endorse climate-focused candidates; start conversations; plant trees; attend town halls; ride a bike; turn off lights; adopt a plant centered diet; buy green; call Senators; use reusable bags; recycle; vote; educate others; get an energy audit; take action; get a smart thermostat; promote zero waste initiatives; teach kids; write letters to the editor; join a protest; shop farmer's markets; donate; volunteer; walk more; spread the word!

CVAS Events

Everyone is welcome to attend any CVAS meeting or field trip. CVAS assumes no responsibility for injuries, personal or otherwise, incurred while attending a society-sponsored activity and will not be held liable for such accidents. One attends at one's own risk.

Saturday, February 1, 7:45 am
Lake Casitas

Meet at Las Posas Park and Ride at 7:00 am, or outside the entrance to Lake Casitas at 7:45 am., where we will condense into the fewest possible number of vehicles (note: entry fee is \$10, please bring funds to help split the cost) and caravan to various locations. We will look for Heron and Egret rookeries as well as Bald Eagle, Great Horned Owl, Red-Tailed and Red-Shouldered Hawk. Other target species include Red-Breasted Sapsucker, Lark Sparrow, Loggerhead Shrike, White-tailed Kite, grebes and other water and woodland birds. If we're lucky, we might spot a Zone-Tailed Hawk. Directions to Lake Casitas: Take the 101 freeway toward Ventura, turn right on Highway 33, turn left on Highway 150 (Baldwin Rd) and then left on Santa Ana Rd. Entrance to Lake Casitas is within the first 100 yds. on the right. Trip leader: Dave Schaar (626) 710-0740

Sunday, February 9, 8:30 a.m.
Ventura Settling Ponds

Join trip leaders Dana Duncan and Cody Swanson as they lead us around the settling ponds in Ventura to scour for ducks, herons, grebes, raptors and sparrows. Recently, they have spotted Black-and-white Warbler, Wilson's Warbler, Yellow-crowned Night Heron and Red-throated Loon here. This is an easy walk. Directions: Meet at the Las Posas Park and Ride to carpool at 8:00 am. Alternatively, meet at Angler Court near the intersection with Spinnaker Drive at 8:30. Overflow parking is available in the Ventura Harbor parking lot across the street from the ponds. For more information, call Dana Duncan (661) 618-2606

Wednesday, February 12, 8:00 a.m.
Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa

Conejo Valley Audubon invites birders of all experience levels to attend our monthly Beginner Bird Walks at Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa. These walks are held on the second Wednesday of each month. As usual, we will meet at 8:00 am at the main parking lot, which is accessible off Lynn Road at Via Goleta in Newbury Park. Rancho Sierra Vista is an excellent place to see many of the oak woodland birds that are common in the Conejo Valley area. We will take time to introduce beginning birders to these species and will teach the best techniques for locating and identifying them. If you have binoculars please bring them. A few pairs of loaner binoculars will be available. Wear comfortable walking shoes. No sign-up is needed; just show up. In the event of heavy rain, we will cancel the walk. The walk leader will be Richard Armerding (310) 701-3878

Sunday, February 16, 8:00 am
Malibu Lagoon

Restoration of the previously impaired Malibu Lagoon was completed on March 31, 2013. Come see how this coastal estuary, featuring channels, open river and coastline has recovered nearly seven years later. The 2019 annual monitoring report noted that "post-restoration numbers of birds, species richness, and diversity...remain higher on average for the restored western channels as compared to pre-restoration data." We can expect to see waterfowl, grebes, loons, gulls, terns and shorebirds.

We will also see raptors, sparrows, wrens, warblers, gnatcatchers and flycatchers. Expect as many as 60-70 species, with good weather and good luck. Carpool from Las Posas Park-and-Ride in Camarillo at 7:15 am or meet at the lagoon at 8 am. You can try to find parking on Pacific Coast Highway or park in the State Beach parking lot at the southeast corner of Cross Creek Rd. and PCH (\$12). Trip leader: Bruce Henderson (805) 312-2650

Friday, February 21, 7:45 a.m.
Lake Bard
(Restricted Access
Pre-Registration Required)

Lake Bard is a 10,000-acre-foot open reservoir owned and operated by the Calleguas Municipal Water District and supplied with treated water from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. The lake supplies water to about three quarters of Ventura County's residents. To preserve water quality, Lake Bard's watershed is completely fenced off to restrict human contact. Jennifer Lancaster of CMWD will escort our group on a moderate three-mile walk. Birds we may encounter include five species of grebes, Ruddy Ducks, Buffleheads, American Wigeons, Gadwalls, Ring-necked Ducks, Northern Shovelers, Canada Geese, Mallards and possibly Canvasbacks. The coastal sage scrub habitat around the lake's perimeter might provide glimpses of Bewick's Wren, California Thrasher, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher and Golden- and Rufous-crowned Sparrows. All participants must sign a waiver and show their driver's license or other government-issued photo i.d. when we meet in the Boardroom at the CMWD office, 2100 Olsen Road, Thousand Oaks, at 7:45. For those with limited mobility, CMWD will graciously provide one or two golf carts (up to 3 passengers each) for movement around the reservoir. Email fieldtrips@conejovalleyaudubon.org to sign up for the trip. Trip leader: Bill Langford (360) 742-6059

Saturday, February 29, 3:00 p.m. - Sunset
Birds and a Beer
Wildwood/Briar Bluffs/CLU + Draughts

Sleep in and bird on the same day! Join us for late afternoon birding in the hills of northwestern Thousand Oaks, much of which has been preserved as open space. Expected species include California Quail, Mourning Dove, Greater Roadrunner,

California Thrasher, Cactus Wren and a variety of sparrows and finches. Perhaps we'll hear an owl as sunset approaches. If you're hungry and/or thirsty afterward, join us at 6:15 p.m. at Draughts Restaurant and Bar, 398 N Moorpark Rd, Thousand Oaks, 805-777-7883. The walk is free, but each person will need to pay for their own meal/drinks. Trip leaders are Bonnie Clarfield-Bylin and Stephen Bylin, (805) 405-5632. Please RSVP to fieldtrips@conejovalleyaudubon.org to obtain directions to the birding location and to ensure sufficient table space at Draughts.



Ash-throated Flycatcher *by Don Klabunde*



Northern Rough-winged Swallow
by Don Klabunde

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Regular meetings are held on the first Monday evening of each month (except June, July, August) at the Western Foundation of Vertebrate Zoology, 439 Calle San Pablo, Camarillo at 7:30 pm, unless otherwise noted. **Everyone is welcome.** Take Pleasant Valley Road or Lewis Road to where they cross south of the 101 Freeway. Go west to the second street, Calle San Pablo. Turn right. The Foundation is the fifth building on the left.

The Western Foundation of Vertebrate Zoology is a non-profit organization founded in 1956 to promote the study and conservation of birds and other vertebrates. The organization makes contributions in the areas of natural history collections, original research, and conservation.

The *Roadrunner* is published monthly except July and August by the Conejo Valley Audubon Society. It is sent to paid CVAS members only. Members are invited to submit articles, announcements, letters, photos, and drawings for publication consideration. Copy deadline is the 5th of the month. Send items to Gary Evans, 29 Sabra Ave., Oak Park, Calif. 91377-1126 or by E-mail: GaryE@ConejoValleyAudubon.org.

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